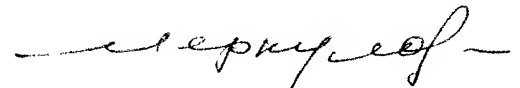


REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are now pending in the application. Claim 3, is being amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merkolouva', with a horizontal line extending to the left and a small flourish at the end.

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